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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries thereon in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

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THE Bank RECEIVES Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

H. A. HERBERT, Manager, Hongkong Branch. Hongkong, May 29, 1885. 885

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORN JACKETS, &c., &c., &c. Hongkong, May 1, 1885. 256

JUST RECEIVED SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Hongkong, April 11, 1885. 916

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 18th instant until the 2nd Proximo, both days inclusive.

HENRY R. H. MARTIN, Manager. Hongkong, June 15, 1885. 1003

COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION.

A GENTLEMAN desirous of forwarding ARTICLES to the EXHIBITION, whether for Sale or otherwise, are requested to communicate with the HONORABLE SECRETARY.

H. E. WODEHOUSE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, June 8, 1885. 950

CHEE WO LING KEE

HAS always on Hand 8 TEA M LAUNCHES FOR HIRE. Charges as follows:

Wing-Sing, Wing-Cheung, and Wing-Tye. For first hour, \$3. " second " " 2. " every subsequent hour, \$1.

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Hongkong, June 13, 1885. 979

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The Rooms are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The accommodation and service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall.

The Hotel also contains handsome and comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The Hotel is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

MESSRS. DORABEE AND HING KEE, Proprietors. Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

FOURTH DRAWING.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in conformity with the Conditions under which the DEBTORSHIP of the above Company were issued, the following Numbers of Debentures to be Paid off in Hongkong on the 30th day of June, 1885, when the INTEREST thereon will cease to be payable, were drawn at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Hongkong, General Agents of the Company, in the presence of the Undersigned Notary.

THE NUMBERS OF DEBTORSHIP DRAWN, ARE:

1 142 263 424
9 143 267 426
11 144 273 445
15 155 278 450
17 156 281 451
22 168 285 433
24 169 286 458
25 170 298 462
29 181 302 463
42 186 304 469
47 187 306 475
54 188 310 482
57 194 311 491
62 195 319 495
65 197 322 502
66 199 324 506
74 202 330 509
76 204 346 513
83 207 347 516
87 211 351 521
91 213 355 525
96 218 357 534
106 227 363 550
111 228 378 552
114 231 379 556
117 235 390 561
120 236 391 562
121 238 393 566
123 243 398 570
127 244 408 572
135 255 411 577
137 266 414 585
138 267 417 586
139 269 420 589

A Special Lot of GENTLEMEN'S POCKET HANDKERCHIEFS, \$2.00 per Dozen.

Hongkong, May 29, 1885. 844

INTIMATIONS.

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FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAL-FONG, Surgeon Dentist, (Formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICE and LATENT ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)

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CONSULTATION FREE.

Perfect adjustment of ARTIFICIAL TEETH by Atmospheric suction without pain or inconvenience. Discount to missionaries and families.

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2, DUDDELL STREET,

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 66

NOTICE.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S.S. Co., having taken over the NAGASAKI DOCK, SLIP, and ENGINEERING WORKS, are now prepared to Dock and Repair VESSELS, at moderate terms.

The DOCK is one of the largest and best in the East, being 431 feet long and 89 feet broad, and having a depth of water on blocks at spring tides of 27 feet and mean tides 22 feet.

The SHOPS contain Machine-tools of all descriptions and compound Engines up to 1,000 horse-power. The heaviest class of work can be undertaken at the shortest notice.

Powerful lifting SHEARS are being erected.

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VICTOR H. DEACON, Notary Public, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1885. 988

INTIMATIONS.

FOR the CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CHINA MAIL.

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For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

HAVE MOVED INTO THEIR NEW PREMISES

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
AND ARE RELLINGSTORES and other RETAIL ARTICLES
at the lowest possible pricesFOR C. S. J.,
and giving the benefits of the Co-operative Store system to the Public without the necessity of Membership. Detailed Prices will be furnished upon application.

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CHOOSE & BLACKWELL'S
OILMAN'S STORES.

John Monk & Sons, Limited,

OILMAN'S STORES.

J. T. Morton's

OILMAN'S STORES.

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OILMAN'S STORES.

AMERICAN

OILMAN'S STORES.

WINEs, &c.

CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints & quarts

1 lbs. GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CHARETTE, "

SAUCONY'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SAUCONY'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

1 and 2-star HENNEMAN'S BRANDY.

COHNWEINER'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

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BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

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SHOPS and GODDOWNS, and STORES, at No. 55 Queen's Road EAST (opposite the Temperance Hall). Also, BEDROOMS, SERVANTS and KITCHEN ACCOMMODATION.

Apply to

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

Hongkong, April 4, 1885.

To-day's Advertisements.



GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 248.

THE following NOTICE is published for general information.

By FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 13th June, 1885. 1010

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MARINERS.

VICTORIA.

PORT PHILIP HEADS AND CHANNELS.

Extinguishing of Lights and Removal of Buoys, also Exhibition of Electric Lights.

MASTERS of Vessels and others are hereby informed that it may be necessary for the SAFETY of the PORT and the PROTECTION of LIFE and PROPERTY, at any moment, remove the facilities now afforded for the SAFE NAVIGATION of PORT PHILIP.

As a warning that such steps have been taken, and that no Vessel will be permitted to enter Port Phillip Heads between sunset and sunrise, also the Point Lonsdale and Queen'scliff high and low Lights will be extinguished.

The Master or Pilot of any Vessel entering Port Phillip Heads between sunrise and sunset will be informed by the Officer stationed at Queen'scliff, whether he may proceed through the Channel or whether he must be piloted by a duly Licensed Pilot, specially instructed, who alone will be advised of existing dangers, and of the guiding marks which will, from time to time, be established for the purpose of facilitating the Safe Navigation of such Channels during daylight.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 16th instant. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 16, 1885. 1008

To-day's Advertisements.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,

BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CAL-

CUTTA, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Berencz, Capt. G. B. Verona, will

be despatched as above

on TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at Noon.

For further Particulars, regarding Freight

and Passage, apply to the AGENTS of the

Company, Payra Central.

O. BACHRACH,

Agent.

Hongkong, June 16, 1885. 1007

Douglas, British steamer, 382, M. Young, Foochow June 12, Ayoy 13, and Swatow 16, General—DOUGLAS STRANDWIT Co.

Funshia, American steamer, from Whampoa.

Mobile, British steamer, 917, O. Doert, Saigon June 12, General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Brindisi, British steamer, 2,142, J. Reeves, Shanghai June 13, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES

June 16:—

Signal for Hoiboh and Pakhoi.

Shelton, for Whampoa.

Schofer, for Foochow.

Londres, for Yokohama and Hiogo.

Dundee, for Bangkok.

Fookang, for Whampoa.

Cleared

Madura, for Manila.

Benedi, for Nagasaki.

Mella, for Haiphong.

Estrella, for Canton.

Glamis Castle, for Saigon.

Vesperina, for Saigon.

Marie, for Touren.

PASSENGERS

ARRIVED

Per Amigo, from Saigon, 26 Chinese.

Per Tonkin, from Shanghai, &c., Mr and Mrs Powell and 4 children, and 2 Chinese.

Per Foochow, from Shanghai, 1 European and 133 Chinese.

Per Asia, from London, &c., Captain Macneile, and 240 Chinese from Straits.

Per Douglas, from Coast Ports, Mr W. B. Dunlop, 1 European doctor, and 110 Chinese.

Per Mobile, from Saigon, 120 Chinese.

Per Brindisi, from Shanghai, for Hong Kong, Mr H. C. Muller and servant, Messrs J. B. Lawrence, H. Macneile, H. Julian and A. E. Hippesley, and 16 Chinese.

For Manila, D. Davis, and J. B. B. Fyfe, Arthur, D. Davis, and J. B. B. Fyfe.

DEPARTED

Per Esmeralda, for Manila, Rev. Heude.

Per Signal, for Hoiboh, 1 European, and 40 Chinese.

Per Arie, for Foochow, 30 Chinese.

Per Coligasidre, for Yokohama, &c., 1 European.

Per Dambo, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

TO DEPART

Per Madura, for Manila, 1 European.

Per Glamis Castle, for Saigon, 12 Chinese.

Per Vesperina, for Saigon, 6 Chinese.

Per Marie, for Touren, 54 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS

The British steamer Tamsui reports:

Had light S. and S.S.W. winds and light rain throughout.

The British steamer Stratheen reports:

Had moderate breezes from the S.S.W. and dull cloudy weather, with frequent showers of rain.

The British steamer Fookang reports:

Experienced fresh Southwesterly winds and thick rainy weather throughout. Strong current from S.W.

The British steamer Ajao reports:

Had light winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer Douglas reports:

Left Foochow on the 12th inst., light S.W. winds, overcast and rainy. Left Amoy on the 13th inst., had light S.W. winds and fine weather. Left Swatow on the 16th inst., had strong S.W. winds to Single Island; and thence light winds to Amoy. Weather to port, " " in Foochow, Gincayles, Kiliarney, Ningpo, and sailing vessel Minna and Albion. Steamers in Amoy, Haidong, Gincayles and Dabeng. Steamers in Swatow, Atholl and Fidelio.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

2.15 P.M. REGULAR CEASES.

2.30 P.M. POST-OFFICE CLOSES, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET

The British Contract Packet Brindisi will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 18th June, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and countries beyond the Straits, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

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MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET

The French Contract Packet Oryx will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 18th June, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond the Straits, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal, and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

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MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACKET

The German Contract Packet Oryx will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 18th June, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond the Straits, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal, and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

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MAILS BY THE RUSSIAN PACKET

The Russian Contract Packet Oryx will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 18th June, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond the Straits, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal, and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

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2.15 P.M. REGULAR CEASES.

2.30 P.M. POST-OFFICE CLOSES, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra postage until the time of departure.

MAILS BY THE CHINESE PACKET

The Chinese Contract Packet Oryx will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 18th June, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond the Straits, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal, and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

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MAILS BY THE JAPANESE PACKET

The Japanese Contract Packet Oryx will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 18th June, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond the Straits, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal, and

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to the Yamen any persons who are fitted for foreign travel by special knowledge of mechanics, surveying, and strategy, and are endowed with firmness, honesty, and patience. The Yamen, after strict examination, will report to the Throne, and those persons will be sent to various foreign countries, where they will be under the control of the Resident Ministers. Their expenses and pay will be provided by the Yamen.—*Shen Pao's Peking correspondent*, May 24th.

A new paper is about to be published at Tokio under the name of *Butsuji Jishi* (佛教雜志), edited by Buddhist Record), under the editorship of a Japanese scholar, who has rather a remarkable history. He was one of the escort of Sakamoto, when the so-called Namamugi disturbance occurred with British subjects in 1861, at Kanagawa; and when the British Government sent an Embassy to Japan to negotiate about the matter, he took a seat at the reception; whereafter some discussion, he drew his sword before them all, and, cutting off his left hand, presented it to the Embassy, pleading that after this act of self-sacrifice, they should claim little more in the shape of indemnity. Since that time, impelled by what he had done, or by other circumstances, he has devoted his life to Buddhism, and has gained for himself a wide acquaintance and much popularity among the religious community.—*Japan Native Paper*.

A RING of about nine feet long and some five inches in diameter in the thickest part of the body was discovered by Mr. Orange in a tree near the new conduit at Wong-nai-shoong this morning. The reptile was secured by Mr. Orange's comrade, who ascended the tree and stunned it by a blow on the head with a hammer, and was then conveyed to the Hongkong Dispensary, where it was killed by suffocation and poisoning and preserved in a large jar of spirits. The specimen is beautifully marked with golden rings upon a dark brown ground.

Another snake, of a different species, of a silver grey colour, and about six feet long, and an inch in diameter was found lying dead on the road near Glosney Ravine, probably killed in the storm of Friday night.

The Nagasaki Express of the 6th instant says:—H.B.M.S. *Aegamemnon* was to have been docked on Saturday but unfortunately neither on Saturday nor Sunday did the tide rise within a foot of the average height of ordinary spring tides; consequently the taking of her into Dock had to be postponed until next full moon, which occurs on the 14th. She was taken to the Dock entrance and placed in position for hauling in on Saturday morning and evening, and again on Sunday morning, but without success. On the first occasion she was drawing 25ft. 1in., and on Saturday she was lightened up to 23ft. 8in.; whilst the amount of water on the Dock all reached 25ft. 1in. and 25ft. 10in. respectively, which, after making an allowance of 2ft. 6in. for blocks which had to be thrown on account of the *Aegamemnon's* large bilge-kels, still left about five short of the required amount of water. A further quantity of coal is now being discharged from her, and there is very little doubt but that she will be successfully docked about Monday next.

THAT there is a screw loose somewhere in the working of the system in vogue here for burying bodies from the Mortuary and Government Civil Hospital is evident from an occurrence which happened to-day. Yesterday morning the body of the seaman Charles Vurman, who died very suddenly at Lemon's boarding-house, was sent to the mortuary, and to-day, Dr. Marques, having received an order to hold a post-mortem examination, proceeded to the Mortuary for that purpose, when what was his surprise to find the body gone. Upon questioning the cooies in charge the doctor discovered that the body had been taken away for burial upon a burial order from the Registrar General's Department. The mistake probably arose through the cooie not being able to read the certificate for burial, which appears to have been given for the burial of a man who died yesterday or this morning in the Civil Hospital. However the mistake arose, the body of the man Vurman should certainly not have been interred without a post-mortem examination, and to effect this the corps will now have to be exhumed. As a matter of fact the examination should have been made yesterday to be of any value.

We are getting used to somewhat erratic actions on the part of the gentleman holding, amongst several other important posts, that of Coroner; but on behalf of the public we must protest against one jury being rushed after concluding the inquest for which they were summoned, into another and entirely distinct enquiry. This was the case yesterday with the jury who had been empanelled to enquire into the circumstances attending the death of the Chinawoman who was drowned in a pool at Lep-sap-wan. After the jury had been to view the scene of the accident, they returned to the Mortuary and gave their verdict of drowning. Mr. Wodhouse then, most unjustifyably, swore in the same jury in the case of the two men who were killed by the fall of one of the houses destroyed in the storm of Friday night, and then adjourned the enquiry. The members of

the jury do not appear to have known that they could legally refuse to be thus imposed upon, and, consequently, yielded, though the foreman mentioned to the Coroner the inconvenience caused by the frequent absence from his duties thus entailed upon him. Had the Coroner purposed concluding the enquiry there and then, a request to the jury to hold the inquest might have been excused; but as it was then adjourned, and it was believed that the enquiry would probably be further adjourned on Saturday next, we can see no excuse for such an imposition upon the jury. Common jurors ought to receive more consideration.

MANY of our readers will be glad to hear that the Acting Governor of the Straits Settlements (the Hon. C. C. Smith) has been appointed Lieutenant Governor and Colonial Secretary of Ceylon. Mr. Smith succeeds Sir John Douglas for the second time, Sir John having made room for him through his Minister (Mr. Kondo), to obtain the opening of Mokpo; and as it is generally believed to be a matter of arrangement between the Japanese and Korean Governments, it is very likely to be opened at an early date.

THE LAST MURDER AT TAI KOK TSU.

The adjourned enquiry concerning the death of Fung Chi Kwan, the fisherman who was shot while asleep in his boat on the mud flats at Tai Kok Tsui on the night of the 4th instant, was held at the Magistrate's office, Singapore, being a much-coveted prize in the Service. In view of the contrast between the energetic régime of Singapore and that of the present administration here, we even had entertained a faint hope that Mr. Smith might have succeeded Mr. Marsh as Administrator in Hongkong. But that is now impossible, and he goes instead to the best Colonial Secretariate which the Service can offer. The Hon. J. F. Dickson, who has been Acting as Colonial Secretary at Colombo, succeeds to the Colonial Secretariate of the Straits. It is said that Sir Frederick Weld is expected to resume his office as Governor of the Straits Settlement in November next, and Mr. Smith will of course continue to administer the government until Sir Frederick's return. We may note that Sir Frederick Weld has been appointed Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George. Mr. Smith received the C.M.G. in 1880, the same year in which Sir Frederick was made a K.C.M.C.

The Singapore Free Press concludes its notes of the appointment in these words:—Ceylon is certainly to be congratulated on having deprived us of a Colonial Secretary, who, during the seven years he has been here, has worked incessantly to promote the good of the place, and who will carry away with him the reputation of one of the most able and valuable public servants who have yet served in these Settlements, and who, in the interests of the Colony, we venture to think, might be very advantageously promoted to the high-est post here.

The N.C. D. News believes that Mr. H. J. Meade, Chief Tide-surveyor, at present at Amoy, has been transferred to Shanghai. This gentleman is very popular among the staff. Other transfers are also on the move, one going to Kung-chow, another to Tzani, and a third to Amoy. The appointment to Kung-chow is not an enviable one.

It was reported some days ago, says the N.C. D. News of the 11th instant, that the Magistrate of the Mixed Court at Shanghai had tendered his resignation, and it is now stated that it has been accepted. The Courier denies the statement of the News, and says that Huang has applied for and been granted a short leave of absence to recuperate his health. Time will show which version is correct.

THE Rising Sun regrets to hear it reported that the Kioto Unyu Kwaisho's s. Ovari Mori has sunk; and eighty lives were lost, through the explosion of one of her boilers. The Ovari Mori is a comparatively new ship of 1,150 tons, commanded by Capt. R. Peader, and has been running up north. The report of the sad disaster has not been officially confirmed, but it is generally believed to be only too true.

We (Courier) are sorry to hear of the death from fever on Sunday, 31st May last, at Peking, of Mr. James Smith, Commissioner of Customs and Audit Secretary to the Inspector-General. Mr. Smith joined the service in the autumn of 1882, (1) and has been nearly five years Commissioner. He is another victim to the insatiable condition of the Capital. He was twice married, and leaves one son by his first wife and a widow surviving him. He was much liked and will be greatly regretted by his numerous friends in the service, and at the various ports at which he has been stationed.

SAYS the Rising Sun of the 6th instant:—At date of latest advices from Vladivostock, the Russian flagship *Vladimir Monomakh*, with Admiral Crown on board, was in harbour, and everything was very quiet there. The Russian cruiser *Oriental* arrived here from Yokohama yesterday, and left again at 7.30 a.m. bound for Vladivostock. The transport *Moskva* left Yokohama for Vladivostock on the 9th ult. The cruisers *Croydon* and *Razbor* were still at Yokohama on the 1st. Nothing has been heard of the iron-clad *Mantis*, which was reported to have put back from Batavia to rejoin Admiral Crown's squadron.

DRIVING Operations of the two Chinese men-of-war sunk in Shekou Roads still continue, and the foreign ship-building firm in Shang-hai has the contract with the Chinese Government, appear to be making a nice thing of it. A good many guns have been salvaged; the salvage money for each of which amounts to \$1,000. The divers employed at the operations are all Chinese. A fatal accident occurred the other day. It appears that the head diver, being below, managed to get his foot into some hole, out of which he was unable to extricate it. His

attendants, finding that something was wrong, tried to relieve him from his awkward position; however, without avail. He finally was pulled up a corpse, death having been caused by suffocation.

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